(ख) इस संबंध में सरकार ने क्या निर्णय लिया है?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) और (ख) जी, नहीं। इंडियन एयरलाइन्स अन्तर्देशीय उड़ानों पर ज़रा भी परोसे जाने के हाल के प्रतिबंध से भी पहले ज़रा भी नहीं परोसती थी।

Disinestment by AI

:.-03. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Wi!! the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state;

(a) whether Air India propose to go in or "disinvestment" to raise money iron private investors to launch its modernisation programme which includes l»e acquisition of new generation aircrafts; and

"l') if so. what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER QF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GMULAM NABI AZAD); (a) At present there is no proposal for dis-invetment of Government shares in Air India.

Cb) Does not arise.

Setting K,p rf Aircraft Heavy Engineering and .Maintenance Unit at Ahmedabad

2304. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

iii) whether an Aircraft Heavy Engineering and Maintenance Unit is proposed to be set up in Ahmedabad by Damania Airways Limited;

jjj) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be become operational?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Approval of Director General of Civil Aviation D.G.C.A.) is necessary for establishing such a unit. No proposal has yet been submitted by M/s Damania Airways io DGCA in this regard.

Warning to the KLM (Dutch) Airlines

2305. SHRI SANJAY DAI MIA: WiU the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased Io -late:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have issued a warning to the KUM. (Dutch) Airlines that its landing lights at Bombay >will be cancelled for foiling .0 bring m more tourists;

(b) whether on the reciprocal basis Air India also flies to Amstedaras and

(c) if not, what arc the reasons there-for?

THE MINISTER OF OV1! - AVIA-TION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Si:.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Air India does not operote to Amsterdam as the operation is not considered commercially viable at present.

Misuse of trolleys meant for passengers at IGIA

2306. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

WiU the Minister Of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the trolleys meant for passengers at the Indira Gandhi International Airports in the Capital are being misused by the residents of the illegal hutments in the nighbourhood and also for smuggling goods, as reported in the Times of India of June 30, 1994;

(b) if so, what are the detail* ->. this regard;

(c) whether there is any illegal nexus between some employees of the Airport and the encroachers, and if not, how

folleys are being smuggled out from the high security z^ne of the Airport;

(il) whether any enquiry has been conducted into the matter; if so, with what results; and

(e) what steps have been taken Io put an end to this misuse and to punish the guilty persons?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (e) The International Airports Authority of India (IAAI) has awarded a contract for retrieval and maintenance, of passengsr trolleys at Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi. The contractor is responsible for safe custody, and ready, availability of trolleys. However, there have been reports of misuse of trolleys by residents of neighbourhood localities because passenger^ after use leave them at all over places within the airport vicinity and the car park areas. The contractor has been advised to exercise effective control to avoid misuse ot trolleys. He has since deployed adidtional manpower for His purpose.

lutroduction of convenient flight timings By IA

2307. SHRI SURESH KALMADl: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(aj whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines propose to introduce convenient flight timings and additional capacity on several high density and tourist routes; and

<b) if so, what are the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI *AZAD);* (a) and (b) Presently, most of the Indian Airlines services operating on high density trunk routes ar© scheduled with a view to providing maximum convenience to the passengers travelling on these routes. Since the capacity presently provided on the high densily and tourist routes *ti-* sufficient a> meet the present passenger demand, Indian Airlines is not planning to augment capacity on these routes.

Decline in global tourists

2308. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM he pleased to state:

(a) whether it i_s a fact that India's share in global tourist arrivals came down from 0.40 per cent in 1988 to 0.35 per cent in 1993 and in regional arrivals from 55.2 per cent to 52 per cent;

(b) whether it is also a fact that percentage of foreign exchange receipts from global tourism came down from 0.75 per cent to 0.43 per cent and from regional tourism from 77.76 per cent to 70 per cent during the period;

(c) whether Government have identified the causes of the decline;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(e) whether any action plan has been drawn to check the declining trend and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) by when it is going to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The percentage share of India in th_e global tourism receipts declined from 0.72 per cent to 0.46 per cent and the same in the regional tourism receipts declined from 74.0 per cent to 70.0 per cent during the period from 1988 to 1993.

(c) and (d) The reasons for decline in tourist traffic during 1993 include law and problems in some parts of the coon-try, airlines slices, recessionary conditions in some of the tourist generating countries etc.

(e) and(f) An action plan including reassurance campaigns in toe overseas